

Mint of the United States,
Oct. 24. 1838.

Sir,

Your letter dated this day, making inquiries in regard to procuring small coins, is just received.

In reply I have to state that the regulations of the Mint require, that, to obtain silver coins, a deposit of silver bullion, or foreign silver coins, should be made at the Mint; where, also, the coins are paid in return, thus requiring the agency of some one at Philadelphia.

Such is the demand for small silver coins at present, that, I am sorry to say, you would be obliged to wait for coins at least three weeks after the deposit had been made. Our Chief-Coiner wishes me to say that a deposit of five-franc pieces, or of Mexican dollars, could soonest be returned in American small coins.

Yours, very respectfully,

R. M. Patterson, Director;

per Geo. F. Stumming,

Director's Clerk.

To,

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